

of course, that they are not yet gone; but, perhaps, the household will settle down a little more comfortably when they are really out of sight. Yet the farewells given for Sir John Ross and his niece were really much too pleasant to be carped at, from the largest of the dinners to the most select and smallest of the teas. Mrs. Daly and Mrs. Jas. Morrow must be congratulated on the success of their several "at homes," on Thursday and Satur-

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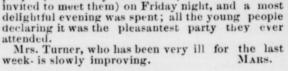
day of last week. Curiously enough, the larger day of last week. Curiously chough, the larger house had the fewer guests, or perhaps one was deluded into thinking so, by the comparative size of the rooms, for much the same lot of people were at both houses. Sir John Ross, Miss Coltman, Major and Mrs. Man-sel, and Captain Jenkins were of course the guests of here is an among the people asked to meet them sel, and Captain Jenkins were of course the guests of honor; and among the people asked to meet them at Mrs. Morrow's were Colonel and Mrs. Goldie, Miss Goldie, Mr. and Mrs. Daly, Miss Daly, the Misses Kenny, Miss Morrow, Mrs. Stairs-Duffus, Miss Slayter, Mrs. W. Duffus and Miss Duffus, Mr. Trowbridge, Major and Mrs. Reader, Surg. Colonel McDowell, Mr. Enthoyep.

Mrs. Morrow herself was looking particularly well in a very pretty tea gown of pink and gray silk, in which the two colors were very happily combined. Miss Kenny was also very well dressed in brown, having thrown aside at last her sombre and unbecoming black.

The entertained have also been the entertainers; Sir John Ross had a number of dinners during the last week here, Major and Mrs. Mansel one, and Miss Coltman one at Bellevue with no guests but ladies, on the same evening chosen by the K. A and R. L. mess for entertaining the general. Miss Colt-man's guests were Mrs. Mansel, who was staving in the house having handed over the keys of The Oaks, Miss Daly. Miss Worsley, Miss Slayters, Miss Edith Duffus and several others of her most intimate friends. Miss Keogh who has played Orestes to Miss Coltman's Plyades, all summer, not being numbered among them as she is at present in

Orestes to Miss Coltman's Flyades, an summer, hot being numbered among them as she is at present in Baltimore with her mother, Mrs. Keogh. Major Mansel has been most unfortunate as regards the letting of The Oaks, which is on his hands for another six months, during which there is very little likelihood of its finding a tenant. People are shy of taking country houses here for the win-ter, although there are plenty of neighbors about The Oaks to be a safeguard against loneliness. \* \* \*

The Tyne, which arrived on the first of this week The Tyne, which arrived on the first of this week has brought us several old friends, for, at least, a short visit. Mr. Hunter-Blair, now Capt. Hunter-Blair, having just received his ship, I saw him on Monday looking very well and jovial, and not



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changed in the least during his two years absence. Mr. Calcraft, of reformation fame, (though if re-port is to be believed he was cured by a much pleasanter agent than any of Dr. Keely's) is also on the *Tyne*, and more well known than either of the preceeding men, since this is his native place, Mr. Beresford Scott, son of Capt. Peter Scott, for so long a resident in Halifax.

Mr. Scott must see many changes since his last visit here, as his people no longer make their home here. He has however excellent news of his father, who with Mrs. Scott is wintering in the south of France, and whose health is very good. Mrs. Nicolls, nee Miss Heloise Scott, whose marriage is one of the many events since Mr. Beresford Scott's last home coming, is also on the other side, where she has a small but exceedingly pretty house in Lon-

Captain and Mrs. Mullins are at present the guests of Mrs. Wallace Graham. It doughtful as yet if they succeed in getting a passage home on the Tyne; indeed as Mrs. Mullins would be the only lady on board it is likely she will rather choose to go on one of the ordinary steamers. \* \* \*

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There has been a report current that in conse-quence of unexpected orders regarding the move-ments of Sir George Watson and the fleet in general, the marriage of Mr. Troubridge, flag-lieutenant to the Marriage of Mr. Frontinge, hag hencehant to the Admiral, was to be postponed till spring, or else would take place at once, in order that Mr. Trou-bridge should join the flag ship in the West Indies. I am pleased to be able to contradict both these rumours; the many friends of Miss Duffus and Mr. Troubidge will. I am preserve has due to be the

Troubridge will, I am assured be glad to hear that there is to be no change whatever in their plans, and that they will both be with us till early in January, when their marriage will take place, as at first

arranged. Miss Duffus is not yet looking quite herself after her late severe illness, and it is perhaps as well that her marriage will take her to such a charming winter climate as Bermuda. Her trousseau we shall, alas! not have the pleasure of describing, as with the exception of her wedding and travelling gowns, it will await her, some of it in Bermuda, but the greater part in England, where she goes of course early in spring \* \* \*

Surg.-Colonel MacDowell has not yet taken flight, greatly to the joy of the stall-holders at the St. Augustine's bazaar, where he was a prominent figure. He is staying this week with Mr. and Mrs. James Morrow, and indeed is likely to be there until he decides as to whether he will or will not go home by the Tyne. \* \* \*

Mr. Geoffrey Morrow has made a quite remark-able recovery from his late accident, and is now out and about, although he is still obliged, of course, to be very careful as to over exerting himself. He attended a meeting on Tuesday evening at the Halifax hotel, and received many congratulations on his re-appearance.

The great excitement of the week has been, of course, the bazaar at the Church of England Insti-tute. Every blank wall in the town has been plastered with gay pink posters setting forth the many attractions and amusements of the three days' sale, chief among which was a *cafe chautaut*. Now a cafe chautaut, the proceeds to go to building church, is something of a novelty, if nothing else. The posters advertised a bazaar having a *cafe chautaut* as one of its attractions; but I should rather say it was a cafe chautaut with one of its atrather say it was a *cafe chautaut* with one of its at-tractions a bazaar. But whatever it was, it was popular and drew a large crowd. The object was to raise funds for the building of St. Augustine's church, on the western side of the N. W. Arm. A good object and a good excuse for people to disport themselves, render life pleasant, and waste a little

The crowd in the legitimate bazaar portion of the building on Tuesday night was very great, and the heat terrific; but the jam, the pushing and shoving at the door of the room set apart for the *cafe chautaut* was something quite beyond words.

Twenty-five cents was the price of admission, but I am certain any amount of people passed the charming door-keeper without paying, so dense was the crowd. Once in, it was possible to breathe, and to take in the idea of the entertainment which was excellent, and for which I believe we are indebted to Mrs. James Morrow, whom one must felicitate on her originality. Small tables were scattered round the room at which sat four or fine people, and had coffee served to them, and also cigarettes, by charming young ladies in most becoming cos-tumes. If the coffee was free of charge the cigar-ettes certainly were not! Five cents for a poor American cigarette and ten cents for a worse Turkish one will I think give a handsome profit to the management. Miss Roberts and Miss Storey were the attendants who were succeeding in getting this exhorbitant sum out of many a poor youth. Miss Roberts looked exceedingly well, and was most appropriately dressed. There were three concerts



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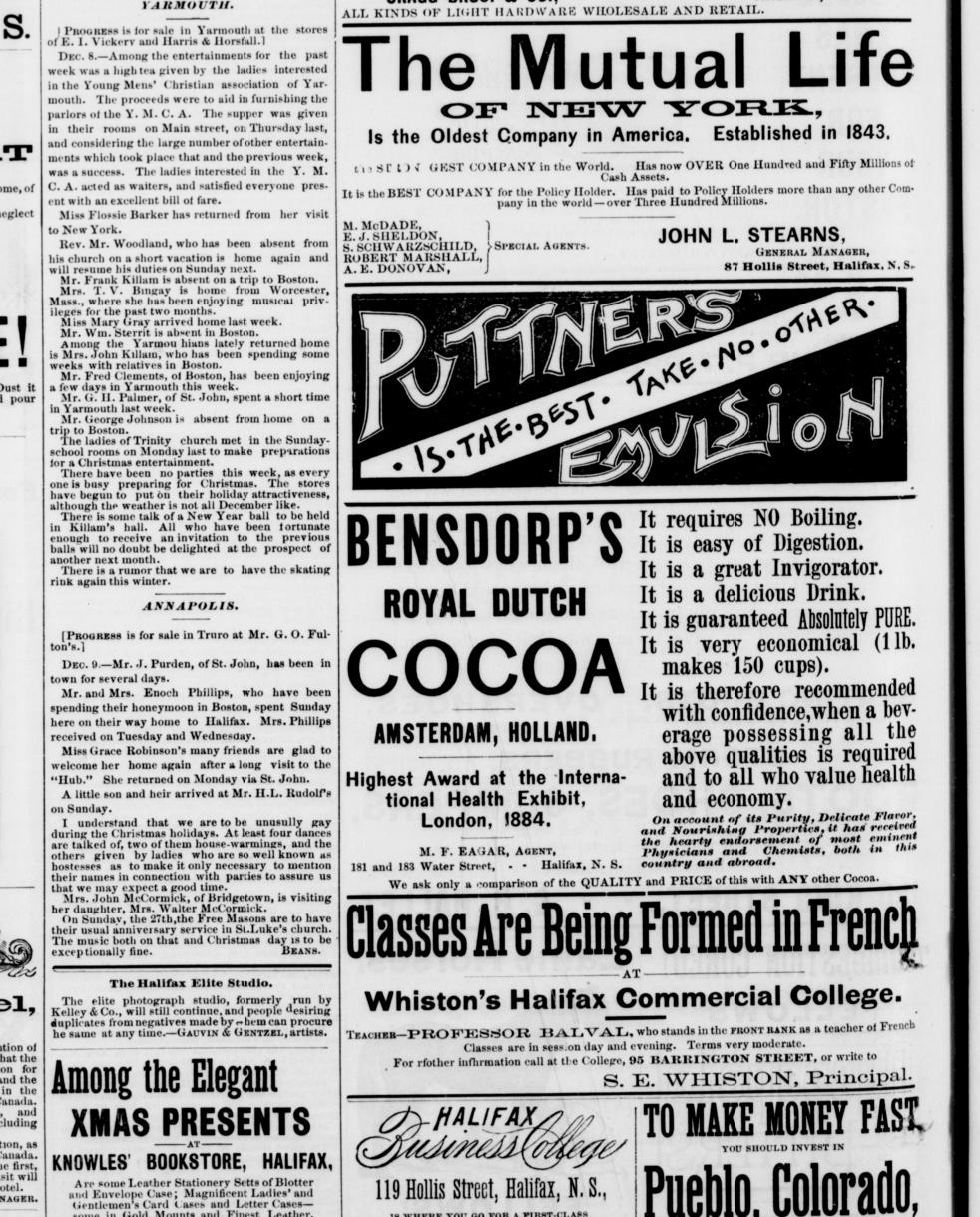
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